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SUBJECT: GOP REJECTS NUCLEAR PROPOSALS: SHAHI DISCUSSIONS IN DOUBT

1. (S) ENTIRE TEXT

2. SUMMARY: IN MEETING APRIL 25 WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ, HE READ CATEGORICAL REJECTION OF PROPOSALS I PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT ZIA ON APRIL 21. SHAHNAWAZ CHARACTERIZED PROPOSALS AS "DEMANDS", AND SAID PAKISTAN WOULD NOT ACCEPT DISCRIMINATORY LIMITATIONS ON ITS LEGITIMATE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.

3. SHAHNAWAZ REHEARSED PAKISTAN'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SAFEGUARDS ON NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS. HE LAMENTED APPARENT LINKAGE BETWEEN NUCLEAR ISSUES AND SECURITY TALKS UNDER '59 BILATERAL AND SAID UNLESS U.S. CAN PROVIDE ASSURANCE THAT WASHINGTON TALKS WITH SHAHI WOULD RELATE ONLY TO SECURITY ISSUES, GOP SEES NO POINT IN HOLDING THEM. IN SUBSEQUENT LUNCHEON DISCUSSION (SEPTTEL) SHAHNAWAZ SOFTENED STANCE AND APPEARED TO WANT SHAHI TO BE INVITED FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON FOR MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY.

4. I TOOK SHARP ISSUE WITH SHANAWAZ ON SEVERAL POINTS, EMPHASIZING THAT WE WERE MAKING NO "DEMANDS" BUT OFFERING  
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CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS TO GET OVER PRESENT IMPASSE. I REGRETTED GOP REACTION AND REITERATED USG WILLINGNESS TO HOLD TALKS UNDER '59 BILATERAL. END SUMMARY.

5. FONSEC SHAHNAWAZ CALLED ME IN AT NOON APRIL 25 TO READ ME GOP RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSALS I PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT ZIA ON APRIL 21. SHAHNAWAZ "LENT" US A COPY OF HIS PRESENTATION, TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

A. THE PROPOSALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS CONVEYED BY THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN ON APRIL 9, 12, AND 21, 1979, HAVE BEEN CLOSELY STUDIED BY US.

B. WE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN HIS CALL ON THE PRESIDENT ON APRIL 21 THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THAT IMPROVEMENT OF SECURITY RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTH ASIA CAN PROVIDE THE ONLY DURABLE BASIS OF MEETING INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS WITH REGARD TO THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THAT IT IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN TOWARDS THE CREATION OF THE NECESSARY REGIME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

C. PAKISTAN, LIKE MANY OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, IS ENGAGED IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN REITERATES ONCE AGAIN THE ASSURANCES IT HAS REPEATEDLY CONVEYED TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THE PAST THAT PAKISTAN WILL NEITHER DEVELOP OR ACQUIRE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, NOR ASSIST OTHER NATIONS IN DOING SO. NEVERTHELESS, THE  
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U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS CONTINUED TO VIEW OUR RESEARCH PROGRAMME WITH DEEP RESERVATIONS AND HAS PROCEEDED TO STOP ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN BY INVOKING THE PROVISIONS OF THE SYMINGTON AMENDMENT EVEN THOUGH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ENJOYS THE AUTHORITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMENDMENT TO EXERCISE A WAIVER BY DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING TO THE CONGRESS THAT-

(1) ' THE TERMINATION OF SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD HAVE A SERIOUS ADVERSE EFFECT ON VITAL U.S. INTERESTS';

(2) 'HE HAS RECEIVED RELIABLE ASSURANCES THAT THE COUNTRY IN QUESTION WILL NOT ACQUIRE OR DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR ASSIST OTHER NATIONS IN DO SO''

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